Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

January 2012

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended January 14, 2012, there were 520,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan during January 2012, a decrease of 2,900 from December 2011 but 3,200 more than the number employed in January 2011.

Agricultural employment was 32,900 persons in January 2012, down 2,800 from the December 2011 level and 4,600 less than the January 2011 agricultural employment level of 37,500. Non-agricultural employment was 487,700 persons in January 2012. This is a decrease of 100 from the December 2011 non-agriculture employment level of 487,800 but 7,800 more than January 2011.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for January 2012 was 5.1 percent. This is an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the December 2011 rate of 4.7 percent but 0.5 percentage points lower than the January 2011 level of 5.6 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 1,100 to 548,500 persons in January 2012 from 549,600 persons in December 2011. This is 300 more than the January 2011 labour force of 548,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 68.1 percent in January 2012 from 68.3 percent in December 2011. The January 2011 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.9 percent.

There were 27,900 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during January 2012. This is an increase of 1,800 from December 2011 but is 2,800 less than the number unemployed in January 2011.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 529,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan in January 2012, up 1,800 from the December 2011 level of 528,000 and up 3,200 from the January 2011 employment level of 526,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2012 was 5.0 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the December 2011 rate of 5.2 percent and 0.3 percentage points lower than the January 2011 rate of 5.3 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 275,100 persons in January 2012 to 16,996,600 persons from 17,271,700 persons in December 2011. In January 2011, there were 16,877,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 1.1 percentage points in January 2012 to 8.0 percent from the December 2011 level of 6.9 percent. In January 2011, Canada's unemployment rate was 8.1 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.6 percent in January 2012. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than December 2011 but 0.1 percentage points lower than the January 2011 level of 7.7 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	January 2012	December 2011	January 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,467.1	18,547.1	18,367.9	-80.0	99.2
Employed ('000)	16,996.6	17,271.7	16,877.0	-275.1	119.6
Full-Time ('000)	13,585.4	13,850.6	13,426.2	-265.2	159.2
Part-Time ('000)	3,411.3	3,421.2	3,450.8	-9.9	-39.5
Unemployed ('000)	1,470.4	1,275.3	1,490.9	195.1	-20.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	6.9	8.1	1.1	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.6	7.5	7.7	0.1	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.9	66.0	-0.3	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	548.5	549.6	548.2	-1.1	0.3
Employed ('000)	520.6	523.5	517.4	-2.9	3.2
Full-Time ('000)	419.9	426.4	418.6	-6.5	1.3
Part-Time ('000)	100.7	97.0	98.8	3.7	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	27.9	26.1	30.7	1.8	-2.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.7	5.6	0.4	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	5.2	5.3	-0.2	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	68.3	68.9	-0.2	-0.8
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,222.4	2,227.2	2,163.9	-4.8	58.5
Employed ('000)	2,110.4	2,129.2	2,031.0	-18.8	79.4
Full-Time ('000)	1,756.6	1,758.4	1,640.3	-1.8	116.3
Part-Time ('000)	353.8	370.9	390.7	-17.1	-36.9
Unemployed ('000)	112.1	98.0	132.9	14.1	-20.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.4	6.1	0.6	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.9	4.9	5.9	0.0	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	73.3	73.5	72.5	-0.2	0.8
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	650.8	655.0	647.4	-4.2	3.4
Employed ('000)	614.9	622.4	613.6	-7.5	1.3
Full-Time ('000)	486.5	498.2	487.1	-11.7	-0.6
Part-Time ('000)	128.4	124.2	126.5	4.2	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	35.9	32.6	33.9	3.3	2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.0	5.2	0.5	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	5.4	5.0	0.0	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	68.4	68.3	-0.5	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	January 2012	December 2011	January 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	548.5	549.6	548.2	-1.1	0.3
Male	293.8	295.4	291.9	-1.6	1.9
Female	254.8	254.1	256.3	0.7	-1.5
15-24 Years of Age	89.9	91.5	86.8	-1.6	3.1
25+ Years of age	458.6	458.1	461.3	0.5	-2.7
EMPLOYED ('000)	520.6	523.5	517.4	-2.9	3.2
Male	279.0	282.0	274.1	-3.0	4.9
Female	241.6	241.5	243.3	0.1	-1.7
15-24 Years of Age	81.9	83.0	77.6	-1.1	4.3
25+ Years of age	438.7	440.4	439.8	-1.7	-1.1
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	27.9	26.1	30.7	1.8	-2.8
Male	14.8	13.4	17.7	1.4	-2.9
Female	13.2	12.7	13.0	0.5	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	8.0	8.4	9.3	-0.4	-1.3
25+ Years of age	19.9	17.7	21.5	2.2	-1.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.1	4.7	5.6	0.4	-0.5
Male	5.0	4.5	6.1	0.5	-1.1
Female	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.2	0.1
15-24 Years of Age	8.9	9.2	10.7	-0.3	-1.8
25+ Years of age	4.3	3.9	4.7	0.4	-0.4
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	68.1	68.3	68.9	-0.2	-0.8
Male	73.6	74.1	74.0	-0.5	-0.4
Female	62.8	62.7	63.8	0.1	-1.0
15-24 Years of Age	65.9	67.0	63.1	-1.1	2.8
25+ Years of age	68.6	68.6	70.1	0.0	-1.5

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	January 2012	December 2011	January 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	32.9	35.7	37.5	-2.8	-4.6
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	23.1	22.7	25.5	0.4	-2.4
Utilities	5.3	5.8	5.3	-0.5	0.0
Construction	37.0	41.2	37.9	-4.2	-0.9
Manufacturing	27.2	24.8	26.7	2.4	0.5
Trade	83.2	85.4	81.3	-2.2	1.9
Transportation and Warehousing	27.3	25.7	26.6	1.6	0.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.8	30.7	30.8	-0.9	-1.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	23.2	25.1	21.6	-1.9	1.6
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.8	11.6	10.6	0.2	1.2
Educational Services	43.0	41.4	41.4	1.6	1.6
Health Care and Social Assistance	68.7	69.9	67.5	-1.2	1.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.2	17.2	20.8	1.0	-2.6
Accommodation and Food Services	33.9	33.4	29.5	0.5	4.4
Other Services	26.2	26.4	26.0	-0.2	0.2
Public Administration	29.8	26.5	28.6	3.3	1.2
Total	520.6	523.5	517.4	-2.9	3.2
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	419.9	426.4	418.6	-6.5	1.3
Part-Time	100.7	97.0	98.8	3.7	1.9
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	428.0	428.0	421.5	0.0	6.5
Public Sector	133.0	130.3	134.5	2.7	-1.5
Private Sector	294.9	297.6	287.0	-2.7	7.9
Self-Employed	92.6	95.5	95.9	-2.9	-3.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	January 2012	December 2011	January 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	16,996.6	17,271.7	16,877.0	-275.1	119.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	212.1	222.0	212.6	-9.9	-0.5
Prince Edward Island	67.0	70.2	65.6	-3.2	1.4
Nova Scotia	444.6	457.7	440.2	-13.1	4.4
New Brunswick	339.8	349.4	337.7	-9.6	2.1
Quebec	3,800.5	3,869.5	3,849.5	-69.0	-49.0
Ontario	6,634.4	6,742.8	6,593.0	-108.4	41.4
Manitoba	614.9	622.4	613.6	-7.5	1.3
Saskatchewan	520.6	523.5	517.4	-2.9	3.2
Alberta	2,110.4	2,129.2	2,031.0	-18.8	79.4
British Columbia	2,252.4	2,284.9	2,216.4	-32.5	36.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	8.0	6.9	8.1	1.1	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.7	13.1	14.0	2.6	1.7
Prince Edward Island	15.5	12.6	14.4	2.9	1.1
Nova Scotia	9.2	7.2	10.3	2.0	-1.1
New Brunswick	10.6	8.8	10.2	1.8	0.4
Quebec	9.3	8.5	8.7	0.8	0.6
Ontario	8.1	6.8	8.1	1.3	0.0
Manitoba	5.5	5.0	5.2	0.5	0.3
Saskatchewan	5.1	4.7	5.6	0.4	-0.5
Alberta	5.0	4.4	6.1	0.6	-1.1
British Columbia	7.4	6.5	8.7	0.9	-1.3

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	January 2012	December 2011	January 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,357.0	17,354.7	17,227.9	2.3	129.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	226.9	227.2	228.0	-0.3	-1.1
Prince Edward Island	72.4	73.4	70.7	-1.0	1.7
Nova Scotia	457.5	458.4	453.2	-0.9	4.3
New Brunswick	355.2	354.5	353.3	0.7	1.9
Quebec	3,915.5	3,906.0	3,960.6	9.5	-45.1
Ontario	6,746.0	6,753.5	6,701.6	-7.5	44.4
Manitoba	626.8	626.5	625.1	0.3	1.7
Saskatchewan	529.8	528.0	526.6	1.8	3.2
Alberta	2,135.1	2,133.2	2,055.6	1.9	79.5
British Columbia	2,291.7	2,293.9	2,253.3	-2.2	38.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.6	7.5	7.7	0.1	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.5	12.7	12.2	0.8	1.3
Prince Edward Island	12.2	11.2	11.3	1.0	0.9
Nova Scotia	8.4	7.8	9.4	0.6	-1.0
New Brunswick	9.5	9.4	9.2	0.1	0.3
Quebec	8.4	8.7	7.8	-0.3	0.6
Ontario	8.1	7.7	8.1	0.4	0.0
Manitoba	5.4	5.4	5.0	0.0	0.4
Saskatchewan	5.0	5.2	5.3	-0.2	-0.3
Alberta	4.9	4.9	5.9	0.0	-1.0
British Columbia	6.9	7.0	8.1	-0.1	-1.2

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	January 2012	December 2011	January 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	7.7	6.9	6.5	0.8	1.2
Halifax	5.0	4.7	6.3	0.3	-1.3
Saint John	7.2	6.5	5.7	0.7	1.5
Quebec	4.9	4.2	5.0	0.7	-0.1
Montreal	9.1	8.6	8.2	0.5	0.9
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.4	5.6	6.1	-0.2	-0.7
Greater Sudbury	6.2	5.0	7.5	1.2	-1.3
Toronto	8.0	7.9	7.6	0.1	0.4
Winnipeg	5.5	5.3	5.1	0.2	0.4
Regina	3.8	3.3	4.0	0.5	-0.2
Saskatoon	5.6	4.9	5.1	0.7	0.5
Calgary	5.0	5.1	5.9	-0.1	-0.9
Edmonton	4.7	4.6	5.5	0.1	-0.8
Vancouver	6.6	6.3	7.0	0.3	-0.4
Victoria	5.9	5.8	6.3	0.1	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	167.0	169.0	162.2	-2.0	4.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	48.0	48.9	50.4	-0.9	-2.4
Saskatoon-Biggar	173.9	173.8	172.0	0.1	1.9
Yorkton-Melville	40.1	40.1	38.2	0.0	1.9
Prince Albert & Northern	93.7	93.8	98.0	-0.1	-4.3

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	January 2012	December 2011	January 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	548.9	549.1	548.4	-0.2	0.5
Employed ('000)	522.0	524.6	519.9	-2.6	2.1
Unemployed ('000)	26.9	24.5	28.5	2.4	-1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.5	5.2	0.4	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	68.3	68.9	-0.1	-0.7
Employment Rate (%)	64.9	65.3	65.4	-0.4	-0.5
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	500.5	501.3	506.8	-0.8	-6.3
Employed ('000)	481.3	483.9	485.5	-2.6	-4.2
Unemployed ('000)	19.2	17.3	21.3	1.9	-2.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	3.5	4.2	0.3	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	68.4	69.8	-0.2	-1.6
Employment Rate (%)	65.6	66.0	66.8	-0.4	-1.2
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	48.3	47.8	41.6	0.5	6.7
Employed ('000)	40.6	40.6	34.4	0.0	6.2
Unemployed ('000)	7.7	7.2	7.2	0.5	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.9	15.0	17.3	0.9	-1.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.0	60.4	0.6	8.2
Employment Rate (%)	57.7	57.8	49.9	-0.1	7.8
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	20.0	19.2	16.1	0.8	3.9
Employed ('000)	15.7	15.2	12.3	0.5	3.4
Unemployed ('000)	4.3	4.0	3.7	0.3	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.4	20.7	23.2	0.7	-1.8
Participation Rate (%)	64.8	62.4	53.2	2.4	11.6
Employment Rate (%)	51.0	49.5	40.9	1.5	10.1
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Labour Force ('000)	28.2	28.5	25.5	-0.3	2.7
Employed ('000)	24.8	25.3	22.0	-0.5	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.4	3.2	3.5	0.2	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.2	11.2	13.7	1.0	-1.5
Participation Rate (%)	71.5	72.3	65.9	-0.8	5.6
Employment Rate (%)	62.8	64.2	56.9	-1.4	5.9

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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